



Harold Kahn, Ed.D., Superintendent

Spreckels Union School District

P.O. Box 7308
Spreckels, California 93962
Tel: (831) 455-2550
Fax: (831) 455-1871

E-mail: hkahn@monterey.k12.ca.us

August 15, 2001

Roy D. Lorenz, Foreman
2001 Monterey County Grand Jury
P. O. Box 414
Salinas, CA 93902

Dear Mr. Lorenz:

RE: RESPONSE TO THE MONTEREY COUNTY GRAND JURY REQUEST FOR REPLY TO FINDINGS

The purpose of this letter is to respond to the letter requesting our district supply you with a response to the Findings portion of the 2000 Grand Jury Final Report:

Finding #1

Sixteen of the 19 responding school districts and one community college responding to the Grand Jury's survey spend lottery funds on employee salaries.

District's Response

Spreckels Union School District used a portion of its lottery funds on employee salaries in 2000-2001. Currently the 2001-2002 budget does not include expenditure of lottery funds for this purpose.

Finding #2

At the time of the Grand Jury's survey, there was no evidence that any lottery education revenues were being spent for prohibited purposes.

District's Response

We are in agreement with this finding. Spreckels Union School District does not use any lottery education revenues for prohibited purposes.

Finding #3

Four of the 19 responding school districts place lottery moneys in their general funds without further tracking. This does not comply with the California Government Code, Section 880.5. In addition, these school districts will be unable to verify compliance with the Cardenas Textbook Act of 2000.

District's Response

Spreckels Union School District tracks its lottery funds through a special fund, Sub Fund 20 and another special fund, Sub Fund 14 for lottery funds restricted to purchase of instructional materials.

Finding #4

Fifteen of the 19 responding school districts, both community colleges, and the County Superintendent do have special tracking accounts. However, for many of the reporting districts, these designated accounts do not contain sufficient detail to verify compliance with the Cardenas Textbook Act of 2000.

District's Response

The Spreckels Union School District uses accounting procedures that track the expenditures pursuant to the Cardenas Textbook Act. The District records are in compliance with the law.

We trust that these responses satisfy the Grand Jury's requirements; however, feel free to contact me at 455-2550 ext. 16, if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harold Kahn", followed by a horizontal line.

Harold Kahn, Ed.D.
Superintendent

SAS

cc: Marilyn A. Maxner, Edit and Response Committee
Dr. Bill Barr, County Superintendent of Schools
Board of Trustees – Spreckels Union School District